

**Organization and Functions**

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- Replaces all references to the Massachusetts Military Reserve with the Massachusetts State Defense Force.
- Clearly defines individual responsibilities (para 1-9).
- Redefines the mission in accordance with the contemporary operating environment (para 1-4).
- Provides guidance on the organizational structure and concept of operations (para 1-5).
- Clearly defines command and staff relationships with the Massachusetts National Guard (para 1-6).
- Includes information on the relevant functions of the Massachusetts State Defense Force (chapter 2).
- Removes all personnel management guidance (a separate publication will provide such guidance).

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to the Massachusetts Military Reserve with the Massachusetts State Defense Force as well as the force's complete administrative and operational reorganization.

**Summary.** This pamphlet provides guidance regarding the organization and functions of the Massachusetts State Defense Force.

**Applicability.** This pamphlet applies to the Massachusetts State Defense Force.

**Proponent and exception to policy.** Assistant Adjutant General, Army.

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## **Glossary**

## **Chapter 1**

### **Introduction**

#### **1-1. Purpose**

This pamphlet sets forth the missions, principal functions, and Massachusetts National Guard (MANG) staff relationships with the Massachusetts State Defense Force (MSDF).

#### **1-2. References**

Required and related publications and prescribed and referenced forms are listed in Appendix A.

#### **1-3. Explanation of Abbreviations and Terms**

Abbreviations and special terms used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.

#### **1-4. Responsibilities**

a. The Adjutant General serves as the appointing and approval authority for MSDF membership, operations, and promotions. This authority or any portion thereof may be delegated to the Assistant Adjutant General, Army. The Assistant Adjutant General, Army is the interim authority between The Adjutant General and the MSDF Commander.

b. The Director, Militia Affairs administratively facilitates all personnel transfers between the MSDF and the State Retired List.

c. The Commander, MSDF exercises command and control of all MSDF personnel and operations as well as ensures personnel compliance with all applicable policies and regulations.

d. The National Guard Advisor serves as primary advisor to the MSDF Commander and staff, providing a MANG perspective on various issues, advising the MSDF leadership on training, readiness, mobilization, and operational responsibilities as prescribed by law or applicable regulations, serving as the MANG spokesperson in MSDF forums, and ensuring the support of MSDF operations with authorized MANG activities.

#### **1-5. Mission**

The Mission of the MSDF is to:

- a. Support and augment the MANG's professional staff and operational capabilities.
- b. Provide an adequately trained and organized state military reserve force cadre to, when mobilized, function under the exclusive control of the Governor as administered by The Adjutant General and rapidly expand the MSDF in order to accomplish those state emergency responsibilities normally assigned to the MANG when that force is federalized, in whole or in part, or otherwise not available.

#### **1-6. Organization and Concept of Operations**

The MSDF is organized as a supplemental force to the MANG and its activities are not considered to be constabulary in nature nor those of combat forces. MSDF personnel will be assigned to subordinate commands based on professional skills and functional capabilities.

#### **1-7. Command and Staff Relationships**

The MSDF shall report to The Adjutant General through the Assistant Adjutant General, Army and shall maintain strong, working relationships with various staff agencies of the MANG in order to most appropriately support and augment these agencies' operational capabilities.

#### **1-8. Component**

The MSDF is a component of the Massachusetts Organized Militia.

## **Chapter 2**

### **Functions**

### **2-1. General**

The MSDF provides respected, relevant, ready, and reliable support and augmentation of MANG operations and staff by leveraging the significant experience and professional competencies of Massachusetts civilian volunteers and former/retired members of the U.S. Armed Forces and/or the Military Forces of the Commonwealth.

### **2-2. DSCA Support**

The MANG plans, organizes, and executes homeland defense and civil support missions through the conduct of Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) operations. The MSDF will provide staff support to MANG DSCA operations and develop a direct, working relationship with the MANG Directorate of Military Support (DOMS). Such support may also include providing assistance to Joint Adaptive Battle Staff activities focused on planning for domestic operations. The MSDF will ensure all personnel engaged in the support of DSCA operations are appropriately trained through the Military Emergency Management Specialist program or a similar course of instruction as certified by the Assistant Adjutant General, Army.

### **2-3. CERFP Support**

The MANG Chemical, Biological, Radiological/Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) - Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP) provides immediate response capability to the Governor for incident site search, including damaged buildings, and the extraction, rescue, decontamination, triage, treatment, and transport of casualties. The MSDF will provide operational and/or professional support in a manner to be recommended by the CERFP Commander through appropriate channels and approved by The Adjutant General.

### **2-4. Professional Support**

The MSDF will provide professional support to MANG staff operations in the fields of medicine (to include dental medicine and mental health), law, religious support, public affairs, and other disciplines as determined from time to time by The Adjutant General.

### **2-5. Medical Response Force**

Federal public health medical assistance provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) includes Federal Medical Stations (FMS), which are deployable healthcare platforms capable of delivering large-scale primary healthcare services. Each FMS requires approximately 100 skilled medical professionals to operate properly. The MSDF will provide and train a Medical Response Force capable of FMS staffing. MANG DOMS will facilitate a strong working relationship between the MSDF and both HHS and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH), which in turn maintains liaison with the Medical Reserve Corps. Direct contact between the MSDF and either HHS or DPH is not authorized unless first coordinated through DOMS.

## **Chapter 3**

### **Resources and Support**

#### **3-1. General**

The MSDF receives limited resources from the Commonwealth, however the MANG DOMS will regularly explore opportunities for homeland security grant funding.

#### **3-2. Facilities**

All units of the MSDF will be assigned a permanent home station by The Adjutant General. The MSDF may also utilize armories and state military facilities on a no-fee basis for meetings, activities, conferences, training, and the like from time to time when such utilization is coordinated in advance with the tenant MANG unit.

#### **3-3. Funding**

The MSDF Commander shall be provided guidance on any available funding and will subsequently prepare and submit an annual budget to The Adjutant General as directed, most likely 90 days prior to the start of each state fiscal year, for consideration.

**3-4. Subsistence**

MSDF personnel are authorized to utilize state military dining facilities while engaged in training or supporting MANG operations. Such use may be on either a cost or no-fee basis depending on duty status.

**3-5. Equipment**

- a. MSDF personnel may, upon issuance, utilize state equipment currently under the control of the Military Division.
- b. MSDF personnel are prohibited from operating any federally-issued MANG equipment to include weapons, surface vehicles, and aircraft.

**3-6. Public Affairs**

- a. All news releases pertaining to MSDF activities must be approved by the MANG Public Affairs Office (PAO) prior to release.
- b. The MANG PAO will provide, develop, and manage the MSDF internet homepage. No other MSDF internet presence is authorized.

## **Appendix A References**

### **Section I Required Publications**

This section contains no entries.

### **Section II Related Publications**

#### **Massachusetts General Laws**

Chapter 33, Sections 4 (Organization of the Militia) and 10 (Armed Forces of the Commonwealth, Composition)

#### **NGR Reg 10-4**

State Defense Forces

#### **TAGMA Pam 600-8-7**

Management of the State Retired List

#### **United States Code**

Title 32, Section 109: Maintenance of Other Troops

### **Section III Prescribed Forms**

This section contains no entries

### **Section IV Referenced Forms**

This section contains no entries



## **Glossary**

### **Section I**

#### **Abbreviations**

##### **CBRNE**

Chemical, Biological, Radiological/Nuclear, and Explosive

##### **CERFP**

CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package

##### **DOMS**

Directorate of Military Support

##### **DPH**

Massachusetts Department of Public Health

##### **DSCA**

Defense Support of Civil Authorities

##### **HHS**

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

##### **FMS**

Federal Medical Station

##### **MANG**

Massachusetts National Guard

##### **MSDF**

Massachusetts State Defense Force

##### **PAO**

Public Affairs Office

### **Section II**

#### **Terms**

This section contains no entries.

### **Section III**

#### **Special Abbreviations and Terms**

This section contains no entries.